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confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 287, the first bill this morning, was originally introduced by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 5, referred to the Health Committee, considered yesterday on the floor. Mr. President, Senator Thompson had an amendment to the bill that was adopted yesterday. Senator, I don't...do you want to go right to your amendment, or would you rather...it's your...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'll go to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Thompson would move to amend her bill, AM0737. (Legislative Journal page 837.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, the amendment was brought to me yesterday by the Health and Human Services Agency. They got over across the street and we'd already adopted the other amendment. What it does is add back in the language regarding the Department of Health and Human Services Services Department, since the employees of the program they want to attach it to are with that department. It gives them more leeway than the original amendment which was suggested by the Fiscal Office to put it with Finance and Support, which is where the program will be. So it's a technical amendment and I ask your support.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I rise to support the amendment. I actually rise to support the bill. LB 287 is the state's attempt to give a limited assistance in the area of transplants. We have another program for people in need of insurance coverage for their illnesses, and it's the CHIP program. What I want to tell